

rule. If they vote to take them off, I will abide by that because I feel that we only represent the people in this state. We are only 49 people that represent the over a million and a half people that live in this state.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR ABBODD: With that, I urge the adoption of the kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Lamb, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the kill motion. Senator Rupp said we should not say such things as we are trying to take the referendum and initiative rights away from the people so I will not say that. I will only say that Senator Rupp would like to make the referendum and initiative process more difficult. Is that an accurate statement? Don't answer that. But Senator Abboud really has hit I think on the real issue. Is it a problem? Have we had way too many initiative and referendum issues before us? And the answer has to be no, in that we have had seven in the last 20 years, seven in the last 20 years; 1986 we will have two at this point, could be more; 1984 we didn't have any; 1981 we had one. It got a lot of attention. That was Initiative 300. In 1980 none; 1978 had three; 1976 were none; 1974 one. And then before that we go back to 1966 where we had one. So there, what do we have, about seven, yes, seven in the last 20 years. That is not overdoing it. That is not a problem at all as far as I can see. They are not...we are not putting so many issues on the ballot that it is confusing people. And as far as the difficulty in getting 5 percent, I would submit that that is no easy task, that is no easy task. It takes a group of dedicated people even to get 5 percent. There has to be a certain intensity of feeling before you can come up with the volunteers that are willing to go out and do it. It may be easy in Arthur County but I don't think it is all that easy because when the people are sparsely settled it is difficult to find that many people in one setting. It might even be easier in Omaha than it is in Arthur County. But, nevertheless, I think the best argument in opposition to this resolution is the fact that there is not a problem, that we have not put so many issues on the ballot that it has confused anyone. There are just a very few issues,